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1. FOLLOWING SEVEN DAYS OF UNREMARKABLE BUDGET COMMITTEE INTERPELLATIONS, THE UPPER HOUSE IN A LATE EVENING SESSION NOVEMBER 7 PASSED THE JFY 1975 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BY A MARGIN OF NINE VOTES. (THE LDP'S UPPER HOUSE MARGIN IS PRESENTLY NINE VOTES, BUT SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION MEMBERS WERE ABSENT.) ON THE SAME DAY, THE UPPER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MOVED TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF THE THREE PRICE BILLS IN THE UPPER HOUSE PLENARY NOVEMBER 12 AND SENT TO COMMITTEE THEREAFTER. IN THE MEANTIME, THE LOWER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP THE BILLS TO PERMIT THE FLOTATION OF GOVERNMENT BONDS. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION ON THESE BILLS IS NOT EXPECTED TO BEGIN UNTIL AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER RETURNS FROM THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT ON NOVEMBER 18.

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2. COMMENT. WITH THE BUDGET PASSAGE, MIKI HAS OVER-

COME A MAJOR HURDLE IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION.
ON HIS RETURN FROM THE PARIS SUMMIT, HOWEVER, HE WILL
FACE THE PROBLEM OF SHEPHERDING THE THREE PRICE BILLS
THROUGH UPPER HOUSE COMMITTEES IN WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS
EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION.
THE DIET IS EXPECTED TO COME TO A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL
UNTIL HIS RETURN, BUT WITH THE BUDGET OUT OF THE WAY,
THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE ITS FULL ENERGIES
TO SECURITY THE PASSAGE OF THE PRICE AND BONDS BILLS.
THE GOING WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT THERE MAY BE SOME LIGHT
AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.
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